

STATE OF MAINE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 98-677

September 18, 1998

FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS
OF NEW ENGLAND
Request to Abandon Services

ORDER GRANTING
REQUEST TO ABANDON
SERVICE

WELCH, Chairman; NUGENT, Commissioner

On August 26, 1998, Frontier Communications of New England (FCNE) filed a request to abandon service pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 1104(1).

The request of FCNE to abandon service is granted, as the abandonment is merely a reflection of a corporate reorganization of the Frontier corporation and its subsidiaries. FCNE has been effectively subsumed by Allnet Communications Services d/b/a Frontier Communications Services, and customers should receive similar rates through the reorganized entity. If any rates are increased, FCS will provide customers advance notice as required by Chapter 280 of the Commission's rules.

Accordingly, we

O R D E R

That the request of FCNE to abandon service is granted subject to conditions discussed in this Order.

Dated at Augusta, Maine this 16th day of September, 1998.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Dennis L. Keschl
Administrative Director

COMMISSIONERS VOTING FOR: Welch
Nugent

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1. Reconsideration of the Commission's Order may be requested under Section 6(N) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (65-407 C.M.R.11) within 20 days of the date of the Order by filing a petition with the Commission stating the grounds upon which consideration is sought.
2. Appeal of a final decision of the Commission may be taken to the Law Court by filing, within 30 days of the date of the Order, a Notice of Appeal with the Administrative Director of the Commission, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 1320 (1)-(4) and the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 73 et seq.
3. Additional court review of constitutional issues or issues involving the justness or reasonableness of rates may be had by the filing of an appeal with the Law Court, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 1320 (5).

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